## Moscow Pressure

## Teacher's Story Of Spy Terror

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A Boston teacher told the House Committee on Un-American Activities yesterday about being recruited to spy for the Russians in 1962 after being plied with, vodka and threatened with loss of her passport while in Moscow. Natalie Bienstock, 31, who teaches at a private school that she would not identify, testifled as part of the committee's investigation of Russian espionage methods.

DANCERS

She said she worked as a "coordinator of arrangements" for Sol Hurok. New York impressario, who arranged for American and Russian ballet dancers to perform in each other's country under the State Department's cultural exchange program.

Miss Bienstock, whose parents had lived in Russia, said she was approached by Soviet secret police in Moscow in March, 1962, while traveling with a Hurok group.

The police would not return her passport and gave her vodka as they asked her to sign a paper saying she was a Russian agent, she said.

They insisted that I was an American agent and

would not believe my denials. After one long session they brought food and vodka and I drank a lot. I was quite high and I must say I signed the paper."

She said she was told to send secret messages to an Alexander Sorkin, a member of the Russians United Nations Mission, giving names of American agents who talked with Russian ballerings.

Miss Bienstock said she provided names of "three or four GBI and CIA agents" who had routinely questioned her and other members of the dance company after previous visits abroad.

She said Sorokin became "irritated with me because I wasn't giving them anything helpful." She broke with the Russians in February, 1963 she sadi, and has never heard from them since.

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